

MINISTER WROTE LETTER TO GIRL

Clarance, Mo., September 6.—Members of the Centre Street Methodist Church after talking over the case of their former pastor, who has confessed to writing a letter to a former organist of the church, to-day decided that they had no power to take any action for or against the minister. The meeting was formal and was held at the church.

On the occasion, who wrote the letter to the Rev. H. H. Johnson, which caused him to resign from the ministry, was not present, although he is a member of the board. Collier refuses to show anybody the letter from Johnson to the girl, found by her sister which caused him to write to the minister.

To the Rev. Mr. Lenhoff, Johnson said: "I have no excuse to make for what I have done. I am not guilty of any immorality, there is nothing criminal in my conduct; I have no excuse to offer for the correspondence."

He also expressed deep concern for his family, and asked Lenhoff to come to Clarance and look after them.

Johnson is now somewhere in Iowa. His wife will join him there as soon as she can arrange to leave here.

The girl in the case left here a week ago to teach music in a Normal school.

Rev. Mr. Johnson's "injudicious" letter was written to a young woman who had shown marked admiration for him, and had been a frequent caller at his home. She had been enraptured with his sermons. He is known to have written the young woman a warning that her conduct toward him might be misconstrued.

DRIVE PASTOR FROM TOWN.

Serious Charge Made Against Rev. C. F. McCoy, of Bar Harbor.

Bar Harbor, Maine, September 6.—With the alternative of leaving town at once or standing trial on a serious charge, Rev. Charles F. McCoy, pastor of the Bar Harbor Baptist Church, and one of the best known clergymen in Maine, left for unknown parts Monday night after a visit from Attorney Graham and Deputy Sheriff Puffer.

They had a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. McCoy, who is a graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, and Bangor Theological Seminary, has several times been mentioned in connection with vacancies in the larger Baptist churches in the State, and was an eloquent preacher and energetic worker.

McCoy is reported to have confessed to the charges, which were brought by the parents of a young girl.

The news came as a bombshell to the community, for while some stories had been told about the clergyman during his five years' pastorate here, he was the idol of his parish and had been most successful in his church work, doubling the membership, freeing the church from debt, building a new parsonage, remodeling the church and raising funds to buy the pipe organ.

Indignation is at a high pitch in the community, and threats of personal violence against the minister if he ever returned were frequently heard.

HELD FOR AUTO DEATH.

Gill and Carr Under Bonds for Killing Ex-Representative Whitcomb's Son.

Quincy, Mass., September 6.—Roy W. Gill, of Baltimore, and Edward Carr, of Philadelphia, who were in the automobile which struck and killed twelve-year-old Arthur Whitcomb, son of a Representative and Mrs. Fred W. Whitcomb, of New York, Saturday, were arraigned in the District Court here yesterday morning.

Through counsel they waived the reading of the complaints and pleaded not guilty. Gill was charged with manslaughter and Carr with running a motor car without a license. Gill was held in \$5,000 and Carr in \$200.

The Holbrook police, who made the arrest, were not in court, and no witnesses were present. The absence of the witnesses was due to the fact that the boy's funeral was held this morning.

Gill is said to be a brother of Howard Gill, the aviator, and a nephew of ex-Governor Warfield, of Maryland. Both young men were going from the aviation meet to Providence when the fatality occurred.

LEAVE FOR NEWPORT.

Mr. and Mrs. Geraghty Will Make Home in Rhode Island City.

Springfield, Mass., September 6.—Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Paul Geraghty, whose recent elopement from Newport, R. I., caused a stir in society circles, to-day left this city for Newport. They announced they had rented and furnished a house on Gibbs Avenue in that city, and intended to make their home there.

Mr. Geraghty plans to resume his automobile business in Newport. Mrs. Geraghty was Miss Julia French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tucker French and a niece of Mrs. Nelson French Vanderbilt. Since the elopement the couple have been living with a relative of Geraghty in Springfield.

ARRESTS RUNAWAY HUSBAND.

Ludlow W. Valentine, of New Rochelle, Caught in Adams City.

New Rochelle, N. Y., September 6.—Ludlow W. Valentine, formerly a wealthy resident of Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, was arrested in Atlantic City yesterday by Sheriff Henry Scherp, of Westchester county. Valentine is under indictment at White Plains for abandonment. He has been away from New Rochelle for the past two years, and his wife says that she had to work to support herself. Mrs. Valentine has a prosperous real estate business in New York City.

Valentine is about thirty years old. At the time he and his wife lived in New Rochelle they were much in society, entertaining and being entertained in the social whirl there. They have one child, a boy, about nine years old. Valentine, it is said, went into business with his father-in-law. The charge against him in Jersey is being a fugitive from justice, and he will be held there for thirty days so that papers of extradition can be obtained.

SLEEPER FLOODS BUILDING.

Fink Drowns in a Bathing and Nearly Drowns.

Newburgh, N. Y., September 6.—A customer in Silverstein's restaurant on Golden Street was enjoying ham and eggs and a cup of coffee Monday night, when he noticed a drop of water fall from the ceiling directly into his coffee. Soon the water came down in a stream, and in a few minutes the door of the restaurant was covered and the customers ran into the street.

On the third floor some one found Fred Fink, a well-known Newburgh man, sitting in a bathtub. He had turned on the water to take a bath and then gone to sleep. He was on the floor was several feet deep, and it was necessary for Fink to wade through it up to his knees to escape. He was nearly overcome, for while he was sleeping his head was slowly becoming submerged, and in a few minutes he would have been drowned.

The three floors of the building were flooded and much damage was done to the furnishings.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED.

Cotton Growers' Convention Will Meet in Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala., September 6.—Commissioner of Agriculture Cobb, of Alabama, to-night announced the program for the Cotton Growers' convention, which will meet here next Tuesday for a three days' session. Several distinguished men will address the meeting, among them United States Senators John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Smith, of South Carolina; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Hay, of Washington; Dr. W. E. Hinds, State Entomologist of Alabama; Harvie Jordan, of Atlanta; C. S. Barrett, national president of the Farmers' Union; W. P. G. Harding, of Birmingham; Governor O'Neal, of Alabama; Commissioner of Agriculture Hudson, of Georgia, and Commissioner Kona, of Texas.

Commissioner Cobb states that he expects 1,000 delegates to the convention.

TEAM OF NINETY-SIX OXEN.

Granger Drives Twenty Miles to State Fair With Xoked Outfit.

Middletown, Conn., September 6.—John Cavanaugh, of Penfield Hill, drove yesterday to the Grangers' fair at Haddam Neck in a gayly decorated cart drawn by ninety-six oxen, two abreast. Such a sight had never been seen in this part of Connecticut, and by the time Cavanaugh got to the fair he and his team had gathered in a crowd of thousands that included most of the dwellers between Haddam and Penfield.

Cavanaugh wielded a whip about twenty feet long, every crack of which sounded like the report of a rifle. Twelve assistant drivers helped to guide the oxen. The twenty miles was covered in five hours. Twenty of the animals were Cavanaugh's. The rest he borrowed from neighbors.

GOTCH BREAKS CAMP.

Expresses Willingness to Take on Wrestlers Who Want Match.

Chicago, Ill., September 6.—Frank Gotch broke camp to-day and left to-night for St. Paul. He was accompanied by several days at St. Paul at the Minnesota state fair. There he will go to Humboldt, Ia. A question of a match with Zbyszko was unsettled, but Gotch expressed his willingness to take on any of a half dozen wrestlers who now are clamoring for a match. The champion will start on his wrestling tour about two months from now.

WOMAN BUILDS BUNGALOW.

Works in Overalls and Jumpers and Had No Assistance.

Wakefield, Mass., September 6.—Although she never drove a nail until three months ago, Miss Henrietta Boyes has just completed the building of a bungalow on Adams street. The building has five rooms and bath, hardwood

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